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*East Germany - West Germany: East German politburo member Erich Honecker is expected to arrive in West Germany today for the funeral of his father, a former Saarland miner who resided there. Honecker is second in command in East Germany and is party boss Ulbricht's heir apparent. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Federal Republic will not block his trip with the threat of arrest as it has done on numerous occasions with other East German party leaders. Should Honecker's visit pass quietly, it could contribute to a lessening of East - West German tensions and help to get talks started between the two sides. [REDACTED]

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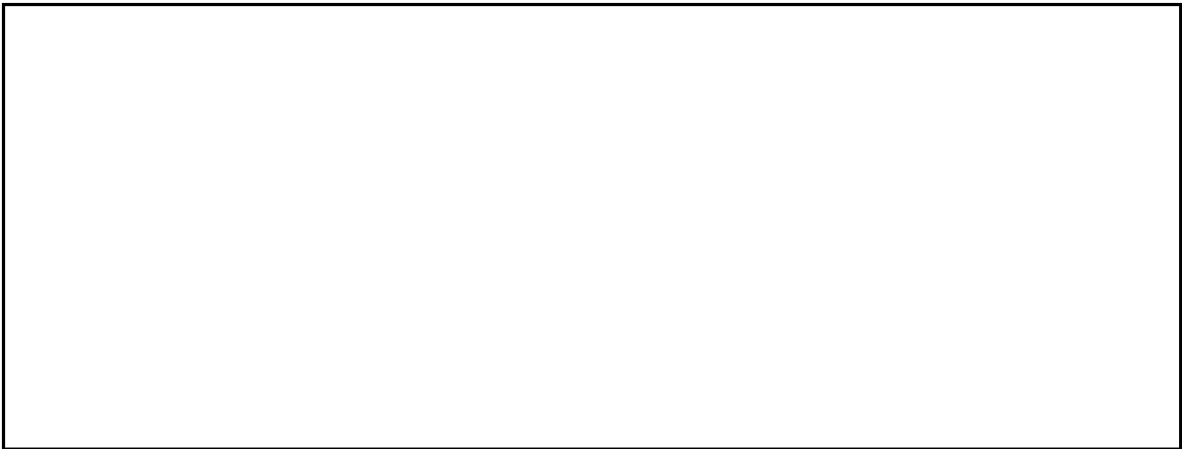
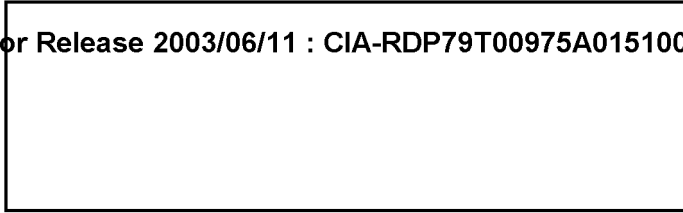
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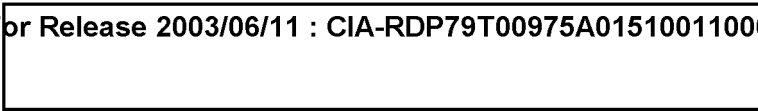
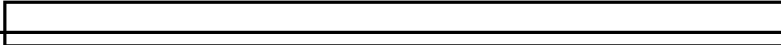
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Colombia: Negotiations between a small domestic airline and the USSR for the purchase of three YAK-40 short-haul jet aircraft apparently have fallen through because of Soviet failure to assist in obtaining a bank guarantee. The terms were so favorable that airline officials now believe the Soviets did not intend to go through with the deal in the first place. The Soviet performance in these talks probably will make future aircraft sales to Colombia difficult.



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